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SUBJECT: U.S. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN PHILIPPINES

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1. HERewith IS MY RECOMMENDED REVISION OF DRAFT STATEMENTS
OF U.S. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN THE PHILIPPINES (REF B).

1. AN IMPROVED LEVEL OF UNDERSTANDING IN U.S. - PHILIPPINE
RELATIONS AND BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND ITS NEIGHBORS.
-- DEVELOP THE BASIS FOR A LONG-TERM U.S. -PHILIPPINE RELATION-
SHIP BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT AND MUTUAL BENEFIT.
-- SUPPORT STRENGTHENED PHILIPPINE RELATIONS WITHIN THE
REGION, PARTICULARLY WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN
NATIONS AND JAPAN.

11. A DURABLE SECURITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PHILIPPINES
WHICH SERVES THE DEFENSE NEEDS OF BOTH NATIONS.
-- MAINTAIN A SECURITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PHILIPPINES
CONSISTENT WITH U.S. STRATEGIC DEFENSE NEEDS WHICH PROVIDES
FOR OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS OF U.S. FORCES AND REASSURES
OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES IN THE REGION THAT THE U.S.
INTENDS TO REMAIN A PACIFIC POWER.
-- REASSURE THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT OF THE U.S.

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DETERMINATION TO HONOR OUR COMMITMENTS UNDER THE MUTUAL
DEFENSE TREATY.

-- SELECTIVELY ADJUST OUR MILITARY PRESENCE, AS REQUIRED,
TAKING CARE TO PROCEED AT A PACE AND IN A MANNER WHICH
AVOIDS SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS IN THE EFFECTIVE PRESENCE
OF U.S. FORCES IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC.
-- INSURE THAT ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE GOP FOR OUR MILITARY

PRESENCES IN THE PHILIPPINES REMAIN ADEQUATE TO SATISFY U.S. STRATEGIC DEFENSE NEEDS WHETHER THROUGH AMENDMENT OF THE 1947 AGREEMENT OR NEGOTIATION OF A NEW AGREEMENT.

- IMPLEMENT MECHANISMS TO RESOLVE BILATERAL DEFENSE ISSUES AS THEY ARISE AND PLACE OUR RELATIONSHIP ON A MORE SOLID LONG-TERM FOOTING.
- COORDINATE AND SUPPORT AN APPROPRIATE MIX OF GRANT MAP, FMS, ARMS TRANSFERS, SECURITY SUPPORTING AND OTHER ASSISTANCE TO ASSURE CONTINUED ACCESS TO PHILIPPINE BASES, TO FOSTER PHILIPPINE MILITARY SELF-RELAINCE, AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO REGIONAL STABILITY.
- AVOID ENTANGLEMENT IN PHILIPPINE TERRITORIAL CLAIMS IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND IN PHILIPPINE DOMESTIC PROBLEMS SUCH AS DISSIDENT ACTIVITIES OF THE NEW PEOPLES ARMY AND THE MORO NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT.

111. AN EXPANDED LEVEL OF ECONOMIC INTERCHANGE WHICH FOSTERS A GREATER SENSE OF EQUALITY ON THE PART OF THE PHILIPPINES AND ENHANCES THAT NATION'S DEVELOPMENT.

- PROMOTE EXPANSION OF TRADE WITH THE PHILIPPINES.
- FACILITATE INVESTMENT IN SECTORS DESIRED BY THE GOP FOR ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WITHIN THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF U.S. INVESTMENT POLICY.
- ENCOURAGE AND CONTRIBUTE TO PHILIPPINE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED EQUITY IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME, THE

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ENHANCEMENT OF RURAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND THE SATISFACTION OF BASIC HUMAN NEEDS.

- SEEK TO MAINTAIN A FAVORABLE CLIMATE FOR ECONOMIC RELATIONS BY ATTEMPTING TO RESOLVE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS IN TRADE, INVESTMENT AND CIVIL AVIATION.
- REMAIN ALERT TO PHILIPPINE INITIATIVES FOR A BILATERAL ECONOMIC TREATY OR CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT AND PURSUE WITH CIRCUMSPECTION SO AS TO AVOID STIMULATING EXPECTATIONS DESPITE IRRECONCILABLE POSITIONS.
- DEVELOP WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE U.S. VETERANS ADMINISTRATION A PHASED PROGRAM FOR PHILIPPINE ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES THAT CAN APPROPRIATELY BE TAKEN OVER BY THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION OF STEPS TO ENHANCE THE HUMAN RIGHTS ENVIRONMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES.

- SUSTAIN AN ACTIVE DIALOGUE WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS AND THE PHILIPPINE LEADERSHIP ON U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES AND CONCERNS.
- CONTINUE PRESSURE ON THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT FOR IMPROVEMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES, EMPHASIZING PRIVATELY THAT THE FULL RANGE OF OUR RELATIONS WILL BE AFFECTED BY

A PHILIPPINE FAILURE TO PRODUCE SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS,
WHILE GIVING APPROPRIATE PUBLIC CREDIT WHEN SUBSTANTIAL
IMPROVEMENTS ARE EFFECTED.

-- MAINTAIN APPROPRIATELY WIDE CONTACT WITH MEMBERS OF
OPPOSITION GROUPS AND CHURCH LEADERS.

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